Compensation given by ONGC

2336. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURALGAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC compensate the farmers for acquiring their lands;

(b) if so, the norms fixed therefor;

(c) whether Government have received complaints regarding irregularities in providing compensations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of compensation paid by ONGC to farmers for acquiring land is arrived at by the Revenue Officer based on laid down parameters like quality/type of land and value of the crop (if any).

ONGC pays compensation based on above evaluation as notified by the Revenue Authorities.

The rates for the land acquired through mutual negotiations is also arrived at inconsultation with Revenue Officer.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ONGC's Joint venture with Shell

2337. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC and Shell have inked a deal on overseas oil exploration projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of their joint ventures in India in petro-chemical sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) have reproted that they have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shell Exploration